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SUBJECT: S&T AGREEMENT: CHEMICAL CATALYSIS AREA

REF: MOSCOW 819

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1. ALMOST A MONTH HAS PASSED SINCE SCST PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE CONCERNING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH FELLOWS IN CHEMICAL CATALYSIS PROJECTS. WE CONCUR WITH SOVIET POSITION THAT FINAL APPROVAL FOR SUCH VISITS MUST AWAIT RESOLUTION OF FUNDING QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, SCST SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT INDEFINITE DELAY IS CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS ON US SIDE, TO POINT OF JEOPARDIZING ENTIRE RESEARCH FELLOW EXCHANGE PROGRAM. ON BASIS OF DETAILED PLANS PREPARED JOINTLY BY US AND SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN (BALDESCHWIELER AND BORESKOV), INITIAL GROUP OF US RESEARCH FELLOWS HAD MADE PREPARATIONS FOR EXTENDED VISITS IN USSR. THEY CANNOT MUCH LONGER REMAIN IN PRESENT STATE OF UNCERTAINTY; THEY FACE IMMINENT DECISIONS CONCERNING CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING, AS WELL AS FOR BEGINNING OF ACADEMIC YEAR IN FALL. WE ARE

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RISKING NOT ONLY LOSING SOME EXCELLENT JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

FROM THE PROGRAM, BUT ALSO SOURING SENIOR SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO PARTICIPATE. IN ABSENCE OF SOVIET RESPONSE, WE ARE UNABLE EVEN TO ADVISE ABOUT PROSPECTS

FOR EARLY RESOLUTION.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY CALL FOREGOING TO SCST ATTENTION, EMPHASIZING NEED FOR PROMPT RESPONSE IF SOVIETS WISH RESEARCH FELLOW PROGRAM TO BE RETAINED. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY FOR PROPOSALS REGARDING DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO REMAIN IN KIRILLIN-STEVEER CHANNEL. US SECRETARIAT IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE SCST PROPOSALS, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EARLIEST CONSIDERATION.

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY OPINION WHETHER SOVIET DELAY IS DELIBERATE OR RESULT OF BUREAUCRATIC COMPLICATIONS. KISSINGER

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